PROCLAMATION

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16, House Rules, I, Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, create the House Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

The committee shall comprehensively study the State of Texas' preparedness level for major disasters, including those resulting from natural catastrophes and criminal activity. The study should include an analysis of the level of preparedness among critical infrastructure entities, state and local emergency planning organizations, emergency warning systems, evacuation plans, first response efforts, and overall coordination of jurisdictions across the state. As part of its work, the committee should conduct a review of previous studies regarding emergencies to determine whether progress has been made. Finally, the committee should make legislative recommendations to improve preparedness for future disasters.

The committee shall have 11 members.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness:

The Honorable Aaron Peña, Chair

The Honorable Mike Hamilton, Vice Chair

The Honorable Frank Corte, Jr.

The Honorable Harold Dutton

The Honorable Joe Farias

The Honorable Stephen Frost

The Honorable Rick Hardcastle

The Honorable Tryon Lewis

The Honorable Mark Strama

The Honorable Larry Taylor

The Honorable Allen Vaught

The committee shall file a final report in the manner provided by Rule 4, Section 61, House Rules, not later than December 1, 2010.

The committee expires on the earlier of the date its final report is released or the date the 82nd Legislature convenes.

January 12, 2010

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House